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submitted in March last, a representation to this Government to give a grant to the extent of Rs. 1,20,000 representing one-sixth of the non-recurring cost of the development of the Institute under the Second Five-Year Plan. But it was not possible to accede to this request.''

Sri K. ARANGANATHAN :—'' Are the Government aware that the management applied for recognition of the practical training given in their workshop and that the Government refused recognition? Why was recognition refused and will the Government be pleased to reconsider and grant recognition to the training?''

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—'' I am sorry I do not have any information about that question.''

Government Hospital for Women and Children, Madras

* 2328 *Q.*—Sri S. PAKKIRISWAMY PILLAI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that there was over-crowding in the Government Hospital for Women and Children, Madras, in the years 1953 and 1954; and

(*b*) the number of children born alive and the number still-born in those years?

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—'' (*a*) Yes, Sir.

'' (*b*) The number of babies born alive and the number of still-births during 1953 was 8,374 and 433 respectively and that during 1954 was 9,226 and 80 respectively.''

Sri S. PAKKIRISWAMY PILLAI :—'' From the answer we find that nearly 50 per cent of the children born in the City and below the age of five years are on the mortality list. That is due to bad hospitalisation or non-hospitalisation. I would like to know whether the Government have any proposal either to expand the existing hospitals or to build a new hospital in the City?''

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—'' What exactly the hon. Member was saying about the percentage of still-born babies was not clear to me. Generally about 10 per cent of the total number of births are still-births due to various causes—anaemia, toxaemia or prematurity. It is not due to over-crowding. The 'Arni House' has been acquired for increasing the accommodation in this hospital and a new out-patient block is under construction.''

Sri S. RAMALINGAM :—'' How many extra beds will be provided under this scheme?''

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—'' The plans and estimates have yet to be prepared.''

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SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" Is the rate of birth and still-birth the same as before? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" On an average 10 per cent of the births are still-births."

SRI S. C. C. ANTHONY PILLAI :—" Is it not a fact that this high mortality rate is due to inadequacy of pre-natal care and that the lack of pre-natal care is due to the fact that the Government of Madras refuse to grant to the Corporation any subsidy with regard to child-welfare schemes? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" About the Corporation, the hon. Member may ask a different question. There is better ante-natal care now than in the past."

Exemption of charkas and other spinning implements from sales-tax

9-40 a.m. * 2329 *Q.*—SRI S. R. ARUMUGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any representation was made to Government by Sanchalaks of Charka Sanghs in Tamil Nad to exempt charkas and other spinning implements from sales-tax; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" (*a*) No such representation has been received by the Government during the past two years.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

SRI S. R. ARUMUGAM :—" நூற்புக் கருவிகளை உற்பத்தி செய்வது குடிசைத் தொழிலாக இருப்பதாலும் காந்திஜி அவர்கள் ஆரம்பித்த இயக்கத்தைச் சேர்ந்திருப்பதாலும் அப்படிப்பட்ட நூற்புக் கருவிகளுக்காவது விற்பனை வரியிலிருந்து விதிவிலக்கு அளிப்பதற்கு சர்க்கார் முன் வருவார்களா ? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" இதுவரைக்கும் அம்மாதிரி முறையீடு வரவில்லை. இப்பொழுது ஏதாவது செய்ய வேண்டுமென்று சொன்னால் அதைப்பற்றி கவனிக்கலாம்."

SRI S. R. ARUMUGAM :—" பொது ஜனங்களின் பிரதிநிதிகள் என்ற முறையில் நாங்கள் சொல்லக்கூடிய ' ரெப்ரஸென்டேஷன் ' களையாவது ஏற்றுக்கொண்டு விதிவிலக்கு அளிக்க சர்க்கார் முன் வருவார்களா ? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" அப்படியும் செய்யலாம்."

Tank improvement works in the Five-Year Plan

* 2330 *Q.*—SRI P. URKAVALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the improvements to Vayali and Malayadipatti tanks in Sankaranayanarkoil taluk, Tirunelveli district, have been included in the First Five-Year Plan; and

(*b*) if so, why the works have not been started so far?